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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 8, 2006, appellant makes the following reply.

Arguments With Regard to Rejection of Claim 1:

The examiner argues that the combination of Sasaki, et al. and Sterler, et al. is proper. The examiner does not address the point that the secondary warning light of Sterler, et al. is only required because the primary warning light is on the same circuit, and hence the same fuse, as the component being monitored. Thus, the only reason Sterler, et al. provides a second warning light is the fuse location. Sasaki, et al. do not have this same circuitry, and thus would have no need for such a secondary warning.

Arguments With Regard to the Combination of Sasaki, et al. and Gould

The examiner argues that Gould can be relied upon to properly modify Sasaki, et al. The examiner does not address the point that Gould is completely non-analogous to the vehicle transmission art. Gould is attempting to warn a worker that the worker has sat at a keyboard for far too long. The claimed invention relates to clutch slippage, and to provide some feedback to a

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vehicle operator that a correction should be taken to address clutch slippage. Simply, Gould does not teach modifying Sasaki, et al. to meet this limitation, and in fact cannot be properly relied upon to modify Sasaki, et al. at all, as it is non-analogous art.

CLOSING

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of all claims is in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

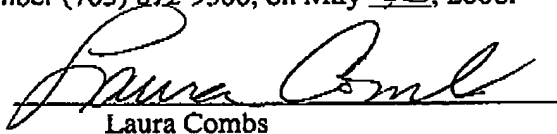


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